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# SPORTS

## JOHNSON'S MANAGER CALLED THE TURN

SAN FRANCISCO, December 24. — arrange for a couple of exhibitions by Sam Fitzpatrick, manager of Jack Johnson, writes from Newcastle, Australia, that interest in the coming match between Johnson and Tommy Burns is intense. According to Fitzpatrick, the land of the Kangaroo is boxing-mad at present, and it is a source of regret to the old-time sporting men of that section that Australia has not fighters of its own who can claim championship caliber.

Here is what Fitzpatrick has to say: "You would be surprised at the interest that is taken here in the twenty-round go between Jack Johnson and Tommy Burns. The boom began, of course, when Burns arrived in the Colonies to box Squires, and at the present time there are more fellows talking fight than there were back in '87, when Jack Burke, the Irish lad, sparred Larry Foley at the Carrington grounds near Sydney. I often hear some of the old-timers remark: 'What a shame that we have no Frank Slavin and Peter Jackson now. If we had, you can bet your life we wouldn't be waiting to see two foreigners fighting for the world's championship.'"

"They opened the box yesterday (November 23d) and everything points to a bumper gate. Burns and Johnson are hard at work. Tommy is up in the Blue mountains and we are located at the old St. Joseph Banks Hotel at Botany. I am in Newcastle for a day or two. Have been taking a run down here to see the folks, and I may

went down for the count and Neil was declared the winner. Frank Rafael was the referee.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Tom Longboat, the fleet-footed Indian, who recently defeated Dorando Pietri, the Italian runner, was matched today to race Alfred Shrubbs, the English champion, at Madison Square Garden, on the night of January 8 or 9. Shrubbs was persuaded to reconsider his determination not to run a distance exceeding 15 miles, and will race Longboat at the London Olympic Marathon distance of 26 miles 385 yards.

**SPORT AND SPARKLES**

Numerous starters are expected in the elimination walking race next Sunday, preparatory to the great walk-off on Sunday, January 17. Ayres is in Hilo at present and Densham has a bum knee, but the latter hopes to have his knee in shape for the final event and Ayres promises to return from Hilo ready to enter.

The Chinese defeated the White Sox yesterday afternoon at Aala and they now lead the Cupid League.

Fred Makino announces a Honolulu Geisha Girl Baseball Team, a most welcome originality in the baseball world here.

The Aulas yesterday defeated the J. A. C.'s at Aala Park, at baseball, 11 to 7.

Sergeant Tom Evans, is marksman, sharpshooter and expert rifleman, for he is the winner of the National Rifle Association medal by defeating all other shots of the Hawaiian National Guard in target practice on the Kaikako range.

W. C. Taylor says he will meet Peter Stanley at 130 pounds, fighting under the auspices of the club offering the highest purse, winner to take all.

The Chinese Athletic Club will celebrate Chinese New Year's with a baseball meet and not a track meet this year. They will put a team against the Students' Alliance. The meet occurs on January 21.

Entries for the poultry show close on Wednesday with the secretary of the Hawaiian Poultry Association and entries may also be left with L. C. Ables and E. O. Hall & Son.

There are a number of local men who are willing to form an amateur crew to take the cup-racer, the yacht Hawaii, from here to the Alaska-Yukon exhibition. The matter is still being talked of.

The Caddie's Tournament at the Country Club yesterday resulted in Abraham Nobriga, at scratch, covering round in forty-three strokes.

Eddie Fernandez is chosen captain and manager of the All-Hawaii baseball team which will meet the Reach All-Americans, Mique Fisher's aggregation, starting practice today.

VALLEJO, December 23.—Al Neil of San Francisco knocked out Frank Mayfield in the fourth round of what was scheduled to be a twenty-round bout here tonight. The battle was practically settled in the first round, when Neil got in a hard right to Mayfield's jaw, knocking him down. Mayfield gamely struggled to his feet and managed to stay through the next two rounds, although he was knocked down repeatedly, but in the fourth, after he had gone to the floor several times, he

## LOOTERS RAMPANT IN RUINED CITIES

Guards Protecting Property at Messina and Reggio Are Murdered By Thieves.

SIXTEEN HUNDRED ARRESTED.

Stromboli Again Shaken—America and Germany Aiding Sufferers—Italian Emergency Fund.

ROME, January 4.—At both Messina and Reggio there were frequent encounters yesterday between the guards, stationed to protect property abandoned by its owners, and thieves. There are looters everywhere throughout the ruined districts. Six sailors from a Russian vessel, who had been sent ashore to protect property and render assistance, were killed by a gang of looters. In another engagement between the looters and the police, two of the latter were killed.

Many arrests are being made wherever possible, and the total number of looters now in custody is sixteen hundred.

REMOVAL OF WOUNDED. Altogether thirteen thousand three hundred and fifty-nine wounded persons have been brought to the improvised hospitals here aboard warships. The strict censorship being maintained by the government on messages from the ruined districts is hampering the newspaper correspondents greatly in sending out their reports of the great disaster.

MORE VIOLENT EARTHQUAKES. The island of Stromboli was shaken again yesterday by earthquakes, the shocks being most violent. The volcano of Stromboli is in active eruption.

The King and Queen returned to Rome yesterday from Sicily, where they have been assisting in the work of rescuing the victims of the earthquake and tidal waves. The presence of the King in Rome was demanded in order that a special session of Parliament might be called.

RELIEF MOVEMENT. Ambassador Griscom has been appointed by a committee of American to utilize and distribute the relief funds sent to him from America.

SUEZ, January 4.—The American battleship fleet arrived here yesterday, two days ahead of the schedule. The vessels will be hurried on to Sicily to assist in the work of rescue.

WASHINGTON, January 4.—The American Red Cross Association yesterday cabled one hundred and fifty thousand dollars to Ambassador Griscom with a request that he use the amount for the outfitting of a hospital ship, to be sent to Sicily.

COPENHAGEN, January 4.—Emperor William, of Germany, who is visiting here, has issued orders for eight transportable hospitals of eighty beds each, as used in the German army, to be sent at once to Messina.

ROME, January 3.—Premier Giolitti has issued a statement that the Italian Parliament will be convoked as soon as the King returns from the scene of the earthquake disaster to sign the necessary decree for assembling the members. It is proposed to vote an emergency appropriation of six million dollars for purposes in connection with relieving the sufferers in the catastrophe.

TOKIO, January 3.—A subscription list headed by an Imperial donation of five thousand dollars has been started for the relief of the sufferers in the Italian earthquake.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 3.—The amount collected here in the various earthquake relief funds now total \$27,596.

## NEW MAYOR MARCH FOR BAND CONCERT

The program for tonight's Emma Square band concert, arranged by Captain Berger, will be:

PART I.  
March—The Mayor (new).....Berger  
Overture—Inauguration (new).....George  
Internazoo—The Clock Bells (new).....  
Selection—Cavalleria Rusticana.....  
.....Mascagni

PART II.  
Vocal—Hawaiian Songs—Ar. by Berger  
Selection—The Pageant.....Williams  
Waltz—Clit: Life (new).....Translatour  
March—National Band of Hawaii.....  
.....Berger  
"Star Spangled Banner."

BEFORE THE STORM.

"You seem to manage remarkably well on your housekeeping money."

"Yes; the storekeepers haven't sent in their bills yet."—Stray Stories.

The Jeffries Athletic Club has offered the middleweight rivals a return date, and Ferretti looks with favor upon the Southern offer.

The gate receipts of last night's battle are said, unofficially, to be above \$8,000.

## WANT ALL THE MONEY

MEN WHO WOULD TURN DOWN ALL HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS TO AID MISSISSIPPI SCHEME.

(Special Correspondence.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 20. —It would be a very unfortunate thing for Hawaii if the Federal Congress paid any attention to the recommendations of the National River and Harbors Congress. The latter body is not official in any way and its recommendations make little impression on the National law makers. It is the scheme of the River and Harbor Congress to secure a vast sum of money for the improvement of the waterways of the nation along lines laid down by a commission to be appointed for that purpose, and it is their theory that the most important waterways should be first improved and all smaller projects be allowed to wait until the larger ones are completed.

It is the opinion of the National River and Harbor Congress that the Mississippi River and its tributaries should be made navigable from source to mouth before any other work is undertaken and if their recommendations have any weight with Congress the money now being expended on the harbors of Hawaii would be turned into the Mississippi River and it would be a decade or more before improvement on the islands was resumed. At that only the more important projects would be taken up and the lesser harbors would have to wait for perhaps 25 years.

As a matter of fact, the National Congress pays not the slightest heed to the River and Harbor Congress. It might truthfully be said that the actions of the busy bodies composing the River and Harbor Congress are deeply resented by United States Senators and Representatives.

## REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Hawaiian Forester and Agriculturist, in its December number, which has just been issued, gives the report of the Territorial Conservation Committee which was made to Governor Frear just before the latter left for the coast. After its preliminary statement, the commission, which consists of Messrs. Hosmer, W. O. Smith, J. G. Smith, W. F. Dillingham and A. G. Gentry, makes the following recommendations:

First. That active steps be taken to secure from the Territorial Legislature at its coming session an appropriation of not less than \$5,000 per year for a topographic and hydrographic survey of the Territory of Hawaii, to be made by the U. S. Geological Survey.

Following the usage customary in such co-operative agreements, the appropriation should be made contingent on the expenditure of an equal sum by the Federal government. Such a survey would serve as a basis for a later and more extended study of the problems of reclaiming the many thousand acres of potentially agricultural land that require irrigation for successful development.

It is further recommended that this project be brought to the attention of the proper department authorities in Washington in such a way as to attract their interest and support.

Second. That there should be undertaken under the auspices of the Territorial government a careful and thorough classification of the public lands of the Territory, with special reference to the adaptability of those now under cultivation for use in the development of diversified industries.

Third. That further to make available accurate information of assistance to prospective settlers and others, appropriate action be taken to secure the extension to Hawaii of the soil survey conducted by the Bureau of Soils of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Fourth. That in view of the fact that the successful development of diversified industries in Hawaii depends in large measure on making the agricultural lands accessible, the importance of good roads and other means of inland transportation be emphasized.

In Hawaii there are no internal waterways to assist in transportation. Consequently it is the more necessary that adequate appropriations be made by the Territorial and local authorities for the building and up-keep of the principal and secondary roads.

Fifth. That an appropriation be secured at the coming session of the Legislature for a Territorial Statistician.

Such an official should properly be attached to one of the existing departments. The salary should be sufficient

## BALLOTS THAT GO

SUPREME COURT GIVES AN INTEREST RULING IN THE KAUI ELECTION CONTEST.

The written decision of the Supreme Court in the election contest case of Charles Blake against George E. H. Baker, for the auditorship of Kauai, in which the vote was found to be a tie, was handed down in the Supreme Court on Saturday. The decision gives the rulings of the court on two interesting matters, the first of these being to the effect that:

"A petition in an election contest alleging that a certain number of ballots cast for the petitioner were not counted for him by the inspectors, and falling to allege that all the ballots were in the same condition as when cast, is sufficient on demurrer."

The second is in relation to the validity of certain ballots. In this regard the court says:

In the main the rulings of a majority of the court upon the validity of ballots followed those announced in Brown v. Iauka, 18 Haw. 131; Cornwell v. Kaine, 18 Haw. 167, and Holstein v. Young, 10 Haw. 216. In accordance with the rulings in those cases the following classes of ballots were held valid: where the crosses were imperfectly formed or the lines of the cross duplicated; where there was a small hole at the lower end of one of the lines of the cross, evidently the result of an accident; where short pencil marks appeared opposite one arm of a cross; where there was a small puncture at the end of the crosses and as to one ballot on one side of a cross; where an erasure of a cross, although still discernible on close examination, had been made; where there were dotted pencil marks at the end of each line of a cross; where a ballot was torn at the top; and the following were held to be invalid: where a cross in an improper place was partly erased but still remained perfectly clear; where a name of some one other than that of a candidate appeared in pencil on the top of a ballot; where crosses appeared outside of the space provided for that purpose. One ballot where the intersection of the cross was exactly upon the line between the marking spaces provided for two candidates for sheriff was held by a majority of the court to be valid for all purposes and that it should have been counted for the upper candidate. One ballot on which the arms of one cross were unusually heavy was held to be valid by a majority of the court.

## COTENANCY LAW

The Supreme Court handed down a decision Saturday in the case of May K. Brown vs. Henry Holmes, trustee, et al., affirming the decision of the Circuit Court that a sale of the property in question by a commissioner be made and that the proceeds, after payment of costs, be divided among the parties according to their respective interests, from which decree an appeal was taken by one of the defendants, George H. Holt.

In the syllabus the court, in the opinion written by Chief Justice A. S. Hartwell, holds:

A cotenant is entitled to a partition of his share in the common estate, or a sale if partition would greatly prejudice the parties. The fact that there are minor cotenants unable to purchase does not affect such right.

A cotenant cannot be allowed in case of sale for money expended for improving a small portion but not materially enhancing the value of the entire estate.

A finding that under the circumstances of this case a partition in kind is not possible is not reversed for error.

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To secure the services of a capable person and provision should be made for a certain amount of clerical assistance.

Sixth. That a systematic attempt be made to develop and more firmly to establish diversified industries in the Territory.

To this end the Hawaii Experiment Station should receive not only the moral but the financial support of the Territory, in order that it may enlarge the scope of its work, particularly in the way of establishing local demonstration areas.

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